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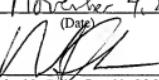
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants have received the Office Action mailed on October 10, 2008 in the above-referenced application.

The Office Action requires restriction to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to a method of analyte detection dependent on colloidal suspension phase transition.

Group II: Claims 18-32, drawn to an assay system for the practice of the method of Group I.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group II, Claims 18-32, without traverse, for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants respectfully request appropriate rejoinder of Group I upon allowance of Group II.

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If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the given telephone number. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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